

REMARKS

Claims 10-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 10, 14 and 15 were amended in this response. Claim 13 was canceled, without prejudice. New claims 19 and 20 were added in this response. No new matter was introduced as a result of the amendments.

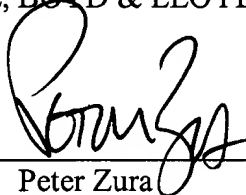
Claim 10, 11 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eroze et al. (US Patent 6,370,669) in view of Lee et al. (US Patent 6,289,486). Claims 12-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 10 was amended to incorporate the allowable matter identified in claim 13. New claim 19 incorporates the allowable matter identified in claim 12. New claim 20 incorporates the allowable matter identified in claim 16. In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket no. (0112740-283) on the account statement.

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